

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEON VALLEY, TEXAS, FEBRUARY 21, 2006, 7:00 P.M.**

The City of Leon Valley, Texas, met in Regular Meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February 2006 at 7:00 p.m., at Leon Valley City Council Chambers, for the purpose of the following business, to-wit:

**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance.**

Mayor Riley called the meeting to order and asked that the minutes reflect that the following Council members were present: Maloy, Lange, Semmelmann, Dean, and Rangel.

City Manager Cortes, City Secretary Feutz, Fire Chief Irwin, Public Works Director Wright, Police Chief Oakes, Assistant Police Chief Wallace, City Accountant Wallace, Community Development Director Smith, Library Director Trent and Economic Development Liaison Caldera were also present.

Mayor Riley asked Boy Scouts from Troops 410, 405 and 809, who were in the audience, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Consider Approval of Minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 7, 2006.**

A motion was made by Council member Rangel, seconded by Council member Dean, to approve the minutes of the Regular City Council Meeting of February 7, 2006. Upon vote, the motion carried unanimously.

**Old Business.**

None.

**New Business.**

**Citizens to Be Heard and Timing for Objections to Consent Agenda.**

Mayor Riley asked if any of the Council members wished for any items on the Consent Agenda to be removed for discussion. Hearing no objections, Mayor Riley asked if anyone in the audience wished to address Council. After seeing no one, Mayor Riley announced the next agenda item.

**Consent Agenda**

**Quarterly Investment Report - October 1, 2005 - December 31, 2005.**

A motion was made by Council member Semmelmann, seconded by Council member Lange, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Upon vote, the motion carried.

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**Proclamation of Appreciation for Patrol Officer Gary Russell Who Is Retiring after  
Twenty Years of Service with the Leon Valley Police Department.**

Mayor Riley read and presented a proclamation of appreciation to Patrol Officer Gary Russell, who retired from the Leon Valley Police Department after twenty years of service. Mayor Riley thanked Officer Russell for his service. Chief Randy Oakes presented Officer Russell with a plaque of appreciation and thanked him for his years of service. Officer Russell thanked the Mayor, Council, and Chief Oakes for their support during his time with Leon Valley and for their presentations.

**Continuation of Workshop Discussion of Strategic Goals and Objectives with Joe  
Gonzales.**

No continuation of the workshop took place at this time.

**Consider M&C # 02-04-06 with attached Ordinance Revising Chapter 5, "Signs",  
Section 5.2, "Allowable Signage", Section 5.23, "Temporary Advertising Signs",  
Section 5.8, "Master Sign Plan", and Section 5.12, "Definitions to address  
concerns regarding area and height of sign faces and structures, temporary  
signage - length of time allowed, Master Sign Plan requirement, and the definition  
of window signs.**

Community Development Director, Melinda Smith, proposed changes to sections of the City Code Chapter 5, "Signs" to address concerns from local businesses and to provide interim regulation changes until a full review could be made by the Business Alliance Committee and be considered by Council.

Ms. Smith presented the specific changes to sections of the Code which would revise requirements increasing the area of wall, marquee, awning, roof, free standing, and multi-tenant signs; increasing the height for free standing and multi-tenant sign poles; increasing the number of special events, temporary ad signs allowed; increasing the size of temporary banner-size signs allowed on buildings; defining window signs; allowing window signs on exterior of windows or glass doors without a permit; and changing the Master Sign Plan from being a code requirement to be a recommendation.

Ms. Smith informed Council that other outstanding sign issues would be brought for Council's consideration at a later date, such as the amortization of non-conforming signs which will come due in June 2012.

A motion was made by Council member Maloy, seconded by Council member Lange, to approved M&C #02-04-06 with the attached ordinance revising sections of Chapter 5, "Signs" as presented.

Council members discussed the proposed changes and how the changes compared with the sign regulations of the City of San Antonio and expressed their concerns about businesses being required to obtain and pay fees for temporary permits. They also

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expressed their concerns with businesses compliance with removing temporary signs when the sign's purpose was finished. Council members expressed their support of the concerns of the local business community.

Council member Lange reminded Council that the Business Alliance Committee was still working on their proposal for Sign Code revisions and that the proposal would be coming in the near future to Council.

Council member Semmelmann expressed his concerns about an adverse impact due on businesses in the City due to the Bandera Road highway construction project over the next thirty-six months and recommended that Council provide some consideration for the business community's sign issues during that period.

Council member Semmelmann made a motion, seconded by Council member Rangel, to amend the main motion by changing Subsection C, of Section 5.23, City Code Chapter 5 "Signs", to read: "Special Event Temporary Sign permits may be allowed **without a permit** for a planned group of temporary signs to advertise special events" (adding the words "without a permit" to the first sentence of Subsection C.)

Mayor Riley called for a roll call vote on the amendment to the motion and the roll call vote was as follows: Council members Maloy, Lange, Semmelmann, Dean, and Rangel for the motion. The motion to approve the amendment to the main motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

Mayor Riley then asked for a roll call vote for the main motion approving revisions to City Code Chapter 5 as presented. The roll call vote was as follows: Council members Maloy, Lange, Semmelmann, Dean, and Rangel for the motion. The motion to approve the main motion passed unanimously by a 5 to 0 vote.

**Proclamation Declaring the Week of February 20-26, 2006 as "Clean-Up, Fix-Up, and Paint-Up Week."**

Mayor Riley read the proclamation declaring the week of February 20-26, 2006 as "Clean-Up, Fix-Up, and Paint-Up Week" and reminded everyone that items for disposal must be curbside by 7:00 a.m., Monday, February 27, 2006. She presented the proclamation to Patrick Wright, Public Works Director and encouraged everyone to recycle goods that were still usable.

**City Manager Report**

City Manager Cortes reviewed information from the January 2006 Financial Statement with Council. Mr. Cortes announced that the City received \$122,000 into the asset seizure fund from the Police Department's work with the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area program.

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**Citizens to Be Heard**

Jim Young addressed Council stating that he thought the prominence of signs at area business locations would be helpful to customers and to emergency service personnel. He suggested that the City look at how businesses display their addresses in the Stone Oak Parkway area.

Joey Blackman with Ancira Enterprises thanked Council for supporting changes in the sign code to help businesses and encouraged Council to review sign replacement requirements in the future.

Bob Robley, the owner's representative for the Bandera Heights Shopping Center, thanked council for addressing sign regulation concerns of businesses and encouraged them to consider changes to parts of the sign code regarding sign amortization when Council reviews the sign code again.

Tim Kreusel, with Office Supply America, also asked Council to consider changing the amortization requirements for existing signs not in conformance with the present sign code. He proposed that existing businesses be grand fathered from the amortization requirements.

**Announcements**

Council member Rangel announced that the Civic Affairs Committee is looking for new members.

Council member Dean stated that Council is interested in addressing concerns of City businesses.

Council member Semmelmann stated that he appreciated the patience of the community in working with the sign code and thanked staff for their work on the goals and objectives presented.

Council member Lange thanked the Business Alliance Committee and Phillip Manea for their continued work on sign code revisions.

Council member Maloy announced that the Trade and Market Days Committee needs additional volunteers and that the first Trade and Market Days will be on April 8, 2006.

Mayor Riley announced the Seventeenth Annual Earthwise Living Day would be held at the Community Center on Saturday, February 25, 2006 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. She also announced that Council and the City Manager were invited to attend a Volunteer Appreciation event to thank volunteers the Earthwise Living Day Event on February 28, 2006 at the Conference Center.

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Mayor Riley announced that there would be a discussion at the next City Council Workshop with TCEQ on groundwater contamination on March 7, 2006 at 5:45 p.m.

Mayor Riley thanked Council member Maloy and the Community Development Department for an excellent seminar with Dr. Pugh on February 11, 2006 on zoning and land use issues.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business to come before Council at this time, a motion was made by Council member Maloy, seconded by Council member Rangel to adjourn the meeting. Time: 8:05 p.m.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Secretary